

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No. : 09/724,755 Examiner: Jeffrey Fredman
Applicant(s) : H. Michael Wenz Confirmation No.: 8421
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For : **METHODS FOR DETECTING
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS
USING COUPLED LIGATION
AND AMPLIFICATION**
Customer :
No. 22896

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006 ("Action"). Applicants respectfully request consideration in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.